

Remarks

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 28-48, 50, 56-64 and 76-102 are pending in the application. Claims 28, 30, 56-57, 61, 98, 99, 100, 101, and 102 are independent.

Claims 28-48, 50, 56-64 and 76-99 have been allowed.

Claims 100-102 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Maas. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

Maas provides a light generator for introducing light into a bundle of optical fibers. Maas provides a first lens that collimates beams from individual LEDs and a second fresnel lens that focuses the collimated beams to a coupling sleeve wherein a fiber or a number of fibers can be detachably secured.

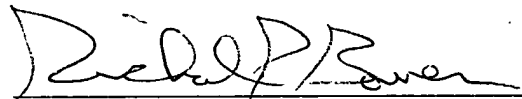
Maas is in an entirely different field of art from the rejected claims. Among other things, Maas does not provide an inspection lamp emitting electromagnetic radiation for causing visible fluorescence in a leak detection dye, as required by each of claims 100, 101 and 102. Quite simply, Maas discloses no practical manner by which radiation may be emitted to reach dye on a system that is being detected for leaks.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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